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TECHNIQUE FOR FORMING SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION STRUCTURE WITHOUT CORNER

EXPOSURE AND RESULTING STRUCTURE

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Sir:

Enclosed for filling in connection with the above-identified patent application, and submitted in the order listed, are:

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Preliminary amendment.

Amendment or other communication in response to the non-final office action mailed November 12, 1999.

Amendment or other communication under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the final office action mailed .

Petition for Extension of Time in duplicate with check no. in the amount of \$.

Verified statement(s) to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 signed by (or on behalf of) .

Information disclosure statement and information disclosure citation form PTO-1449 with copies of listed documents.

Associate Power of Attorney.

Remarks:

An amendment has been made involving one or more claims in the application. The calculation to determine whether any additional fee is due is presented below.

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Total claims	22 -	52 =	0 x 18.00	=	0.00
Indep. claims	4 -	4 =	0 x 78.00	=	0.00
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SUBTOTAL					
Reduction for small entity - 50% of subtotal*					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE (subtotal minus any reduction)					0.00

- *Verified statement(s) must be attached to support this reduction if small entity status has not been previously established.
- 1 Claims remaining after amendment.
- 2 Highest number of claims previously paid for. Not less than 20 for total claims and 3 for independent claims.
- 3 Difference between claims remaining and highest number previously paid for. If less than zero, enter "0."

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Respectfully submitted

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